

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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Announcements

Body & Sold Tempest Productions, Inc., to produce newly expanded *Body & Sold* on the subject of runaway teens in the sex industry at the Boston Center for the Arts in June. A window into the world of sex trafficking and teen prostitution in the U.S. and India, *Body & Sold* is an original play by Deborah Lake Fortson based on interviews with sex workers. The play is accompanied by an exhibit of drawings on domestic abuse and sex trafficking by victims, curated by Myrna Balk, a social worker and an artist who spent several seasons in Nepal helping NGO's there develop rehabilitation programs for survivors of sex trafficking and domestic abuse.

Body & Sold uses the words of actual women, girls and boys who were interviewed in Bombay, Calcutta, Minneapolis, Boston, and Connecticut. In Act I, we see the drama of two girls kidnapped from Nepal and India and sold into a Bombay brothel. In Act II, we hear from eight young Americans who reveal why they ran away from home and how they were lured into prostitution. We also hear from the pimps who sell them. *Body & Sold* shows how the victims found their way out of this abusive world to resume their education and their lives, often many years later.

Body & Sold runs **June 10 – 26, 2004, Thursday through Sunday**, at the Boston Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre, located on Tremont Street in the South End. For tickets, call the BCA Box Office at 617-426-ARTS.

"How Can Law Enforcement Engage Parents in Addressing Youth Access Issues?" On **June 22, 2004**, 3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m., OJJDP will air the audioconference "How Can Law Enforcement Engage Parents in Addressing Youth Access Issues?" The broadcast will feature promising strategies that involve parents in preventing underage drinking. <http://www.udetc.org/Registration.asp>

"Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor" On June 15, 2004, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced that the Justice Department is accepting nominations for the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, the highest national award for valor by a public safety officer. Nominations are due July 30, 2004. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/medalofvalor/welcome.html>

"Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force" The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) has been awarded \$400,000 from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. The ICAC Task Force has developed a statewide infrastructure for law enforcement response to Internet crimes against children. The program strives to increase capacity in the areas of investigations, prosecutions, computer forensics, and public education. Members also are active in the nationwide ICAC Task Force.

Key project activities feature: expansion of the Massachusetts ICAC Network to include more law enforcement agencies and district attorney (DA) offices, increased public awareness outreach, expansion of computer forensic capability within the state, increased investigative capacity for child pornography and online exploitation, improved prosecution relating to ICAC matters, and improvement of Massachusetts statutes pertaining to protection of children from Internet threats. The intended result is to increase the ability to respond to cases related to child exploitation through the Internet and computer technology by focusing on prevention, enforcement, training, equipment, technical assistance, evidence examination; and better laws. Massachusetts' leadership role in the national ICAC initiative will be discussed in next month's newsletter.

"Title V - Incentive Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention Program" The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) has been awarded \$272,000 from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for the Title V - Incentive Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention Program, more commonly known as the Community Prevention Grants program.

Working from a research-based framework, Title V focuses on reducing risks and enhancing protective factors to prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system. It offers a funding incentive to encourage community leaders to initiate multi-disciplinary assessments of risks and resources unique to their communities and to develop comprehensive, collaborative plans to prevent delinquency. To enhance the capabilities to formulate, implement, and evaluate comprehensive delinquency plans, OJJDP sponsors orientation training for community leaders. Potential applicants must have registered for the three required trainings and attended them in order to be eligible for Title V grants. For additional information about Title V please go to: <http://www.mass.gov/ccj/titlev.htm>

Funding Opportunities

To date, over 500 local police agencies, district attorneys' offices, sheriffs' departments, state agency representatives and private sector employees receive the EOPS Programs Division Newsletter. In an effort to provide timely and relevant funding information for the multitude of subscribers, the Funding Opportunities section has been expanded and is attached to the newsletter. If you have problems opening the attachment, please e-mail Patricia Bergin at patricia.bergin@state.ma.us.

"Application for Grant Funds" Please be advised, for the purposes of grant solicitation by the EOPS Programs Division, the Application for Grant Funds (AGF) replaces the term RFR (Request for Response).

EOPS GRANTEES: New Standard Quarterly Financial Report Instructions and Detail Worksheet After a careful review of past subrecipient grant reporting and documentation practices, the Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) Programs Division has developed reimbursement standards that describe the type of documentation that must be submitted with quarterly programmatic and financial reports to justify reimbursement for expenses incurred, and the specific documents subrecipients must have on file for backup during on-site monitoring visits. To download a chart that defines each allowable cost category and the documentation standards, please go to the EOPS Programs Division website at: www.mass.gov/ccj/update.htm.

Adherence to the documentation standards will be an absolute condition for reimbursement. Also at the EOPS Programs Division website is an Excel worksheet that must be submitted along with your quarterly programmatic and financial reports. If you are a current EOPS grantee, your next quarterly financial report, for the period ending June 30, 2004 and due to EOPS by July 15, 2004, must follow these documentation and reporting standards.

Competitive Byrne Grant Funding Opportunity Coming Soon! The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) Programs Division will soon be accepting new proposals under the federal Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant (Byrne) program. Byrne funds may be used to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system—with emphasis on violent crime and serious offenders—and enforce state and local laws that establish offenses similar to those in the federal Controlled Substances Act. The competitive Application for Grant Funds will be posted on the EOPS Programs Division website at <http://www.mass.gov/ccj/update.htm> during the week of July 5, 2004. The posting will also include information about a Byrne Bidders' Conference on July 21, 2004.

Research and Statistics

"FBI: Preliminary Crime Statistics for 2003" Despite an increase in murder, the Nation's violent crime declined 3.2% in 2003 as compared to the data reported in 2002. Among the violent offenses, only murder showed an increase during 2003, rising 1.3% from the previous year. Of those violent crimes that showed declines, aggravated assault had the largest drop at 4.1%; forcible rape and robbery each declined 1.9% from the prior year's data. Data further reveals a slight decline by 0.1% in overall property crime offenses compared to the prior year. <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/2003/03prelimucr.pdf>

"Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000: Trafficking in Persons Report" The U.S. Government estimated that 600,000 – 800,000 people were trafficked across transnational borders worldwide, of which 80% are female and 50% are children. Estimates of people trafficked into the United States ranged from 14,500 to 17,500. The majority of those women and children fall prey to the commercial sex trade. <http://www.state.gov/g/tip/rls/tiprpt/2004/>

"The Economic Dimensions of Interpersonal Violence" According to a World Health Organization report, 1.6 million people die from violence each year. In the United States, violence costs \$300 billion a year, or 3.3% of the gross domestic product, with a single murder in the U.S. averaging more than \$2

million. Furthermore, child abuse results in \$94 billion in annual costs to the economy or 1% of the gross domestic product, and intimate partner violence costs the US economy \$12.6 billion on an annual basis or 0.1% of the gross domestic product. Analyzing the economic benefits of interventions targeting interpersonal violence reveal the 1994 *Violence Against Women Act* has resulted in an estimated net benefit of \$16.4 billion, including \$14.8 billion in averted victim's costs.

http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/publications/violence/economic_dimensions/en/

“Protect Children Instead of Guns 2004” A report by the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) details gun deaths among children and teenagers in the United States. After peaking in 1994 at more than 5,700 young lives, child and teen firearm deaths have declined 48% overall in 2001. In 2001, homicides accounted for 1,771, or 61%, of gun deaths among children age 19 and younger. Additionally, the number of Black children and teens killed by guns has decreased 55%, and the number for White children and teens has dropped 42%. In Massachusetts in 2001, there was a 100% increase in the number of gun-related homicides among children age 19 and younger from the previous year.

http://www.childrendefense.org/education/gunviolence/gunreport_2004.pdf

“Terror Nine to Five: Guns in the American Workplace, 1994 - 2003” A report by Handgun-Free America found that in 2002, there were 25 workplace shooting incidents and 33 victims killed. However, in 2003, American workplace shootings rose dramatically to 45 incidents (an 80% increase), with 69 victims killed and another 46 wounded. Furthermore, 52% of those who commit workplace shootings experienced a negative change in employment status, including 24% who were fired or laid off, and 28% who were demoted, suspended, or involved with some type of financial dispute with management. Males accounted for 92% of workplace shooters and at least 13% of the incidents reviewed involved some type of domestic violence as the motive. <http://www.workplaceshootings.org/>

“Methods of Suicide Among Persons Aged 10--19 Years --- United States, 1992—2001” In 2001, suicide was the third leading cause of death among U.S. residents aged 10--19 years. The most common method of suicide in this age group was by firearm (49%), followed by suffocation (mostly hanging) (38%) and poisoning (7%). From 1992 to 2001, the overall suicide rate among persons aged 10--19 years declined from 6.2 to 4.6 per 100,000 population. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/>

“Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 2003” Between year end 1995 and mid-year 2003, the incarcerated population grew an average of 3.7% annually. The rate of incarceration in prison and jail in 2003 was 715 inmates per 100,000 U.S. residents, up from 703 at midyear 2002. At midyear 2003, 1 in every 140 U.S. residents was in prison or jail.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/pjim03.pdf>

“Juveniles in Corrections” Juvenile facilities reported 51% more juvenile delinquents committed to residential placement in 1999 than in 1991. Nationwide in 1999, 371 offenders were held in juvenile facilities per 100,000 juveniles in the population, and more than 6 in 10 juvenile offenders in residential placement were minority youth. State custody rates in 1999 showed a broad range from 96 to 632 per 100,000 juveniles. In 1999, the rate of juvenile offenders in residential placement in Massachusetts was 206 per 100,000 juveniles age 10-16. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/202885.pdf>

“Policing Smarter Through IT: Learning from Chicago's Citizen and Law Enforcement Analysis and Reporting (CLEAR) System” This is a report on the Chicago Police Department's CLEAR system through the end of November 2003. CLEAR is to become an integrated, state-of-the-art criminal justice information system supporting the work of criminal justice agencies in Chicago and the State of Illinois.

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1264>

Resources

“2004 KIDS COUNT Data Book” The Annie E. Casey Foundation announces the release of the 2004 *KIDS COUNT Data Book* and online database. <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/databook/>

“The Fortune Academy: Housing for Homeless Ex-Prisoners from Dream to Reality” The report describes the Fortune Academy Residence and Service model for housing ex-offenders that could be implemented by the agency and replicated by other organizations across the country. The model features emergency and longer-term housing and includes a broad range of supportive services designed to stabilize the residents and assist them in building skills and attitudes to enable them to transition successfully from incarceration to the community. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/eows/pdf/txt/facasestudy.pdf>

“Young Adult Offender Program Developed and Implemented at Geelong Community Correctional Services Indicating Positive Outcomes for Offenders Aged 17-25 Years” The paper discusses the development and results of the Young Adult Offender Program (YAOP) that provides education and community work assignments to young offenders. Upon completion of this program, young adult offenders receive work and supervision credits. The educational component of the program includes the certified course Geelong Adult Training and Education (GATE) that focuses on employment and living skills for young adult offenders. <http://www.aic.gov.au/conferences/2003-juvenile/humphries.pdf>

“Graphic Images Of Violence Alter Children's Attitudes Toward Aggression” A study of at-risk young children conducted by researchers at Johns Hopkins Injury Prevention and Community Outreach Collaborative (HIPCOC), found that exposure to graphic videos and photos showing the consequences of violence can significantly change beliefs about aggression. <http://www.newswise.com/articles/view/504969/?sc=wire>

“Science and the Law: 2001 and 2002 National Conferences” is a NIJ special report summarizing the proceedings of the 2001 and 2002 national conferences. The annual conferences bring together scientists, attorneys, and academicians to examine issues that arise at the intersection of the scientific and legal professions. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/202955.pdf>

“When Your Child Is Missing: A Family Survival Guide” This guide was written by parents of missing children for parents of missing children. This third, updated edition contains expanded information on the AMBER Alert Plan. <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=11627>

“Drug Endangered Children (DEC)” This online resource addresses problems and dangers associated with children exposed to illegal drug laboratories. http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/enforce/dr_endangered_child.html

“Fight Crime: Invest in Kids” is an anti-crime organization of 2,000 police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors and victims of violence. <http://www.fightcrime.org/>

“New Hope for Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect: Proven solutions to save lives and prevent future crime” While most victimized children never become violent criminals, being abused or neglected sharply increases the risk that children will grow up to be arrested for a violent crime. The best available research indicates that, of the 900,000 children who had confirmed cases of abuse or neglect in one year, an additional 35,000 violent criminals and more than 250 murderers will emerge as adults who would never have become violent criminals if not for the abuse and neglect they endured as children. <http://www.fightcrime.org/>

“Forensic Examination of Digital Evidence: A Guide for Law Enforcement” This NIJ Guide is for members of the law enforcement community who are responsible for the examination of digital evidence. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/199408.pdf>

“Electronic Crime Scene Investigation: A Guide for Law Enforcement” Computers and other electronic devices are being used increasingly to commit, enable, or support crimes against persons, organizations, or property. This NIJ Guide is intended for use by law enforcement and other responders who have the responsibility for protecting an electronic crime scene and for the recognition, collection, and preservation of electronic evidence. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/187736.pdf>

“Prescription Fraud” Published by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) this guide addresses the problem of prescription fraud and reviews the factors that increase the risk of it, identifies a series of questions that might assist in the analysis of a local problem, and reviews responses to the problem from evaluative research and police practice. <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1267>

“Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Guide to Grants” This guide provides information on grant management, technical assistance, and much more. <http://bja.ncjrs.org/g2g/>

The **National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Calendar of Events** is a searchable online listing of upcoming criminal justice-related events. <http://eventcalendar.ncjrs.org/>

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